

Docket No.: 2328-023RIPATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Duane Charles GATES

Serial No. 09/534,814

Filed: March 22, 2000

For: SEGMENTED COIL FOR GENERATING PLASMA IN PLASMA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

Group Art/Unit: 3742

Examiner: M. Paschall

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

An Office Action in the referenced application was issued by the Examiner on July 19, 2001. The undersigned attorney for applicant did not receive a PTO-892 listing the references cited by the Examiner in the Office Action. Additionally, no copies of the references were received by said attorney.

Said attorney left a voice mail message on August 11, 2001 advising the Examiner of the above. In a voice mail message from the Examiner to the undersigned attorney on August 13, 2001, the Examiner indicated he could not locate the file.

On August 13, 2001, the undersigned attorney submitted a Letter to the Office requesting copies of the references, citation of the references in the form of a PTO-892 and a new Office Action re-setting the time for response.

As of today, October 18, 2001, no correspondence from the Examiner was received by the undersigned attorney.

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Today, Susan Weinberg, secretary to applicant's attorney, telephoned Examiner Paschall and left a voice mail message at approximately 12:00 noon. Because Examiner Paschall did not answer his telephone, Ms. Weinberg again called his number and accessed the receptionist for the group. The receptionist connected Ms. Weinberg with Teresa Walberg, Examiner Paschall's supervisor. Ms. Walberg requested the Serial Number and said she would attempt to find the file.

After several attempts to reach Examiner Paschall and no response from Examiner Walberg, Ms. Weinberg again called and spoke with Examiner Walberg at approximately 5:00 PM. Examiner Walberg informed Ms. Weinberg that she had the file on her desk and she would re-issue the Office Action, re-set the date, and forward the new Office Action, a PTO-892 and the references cited in the Office Action to the undersigned attorney in due course.

Accordingly, no response is being submitted to the July 19, 2001 Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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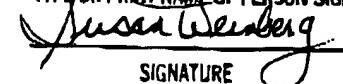
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